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Spire asks customers to conserve energy due to dramatically lower temperatures

By following simple steps, customers can reduce energy to ease stress on Spire's system

BIRMINGHAM (Dec. 23, 2022) — With frigid weather conditions gripping the country including the South, Spire is urging customers across the Birmingham area to conserve energy, effective immediately.

The forecasted weather – with low temperatures not seen in more than 30 years – could impact supply pressures to parts of Spire's system. Specific concerns are for the communities of **Chilton, Northern Bibb, Shelby and Western Jefferson counties**.

As a precaution, Spire is asking customers to conserve energy where possible.

"When it's cold out, it takes more energy to keep your home warm. Plus, more people will be inside this week – gathering and preparing for the holidays. That means more demand is being placed on the system. The next 48 hours are critical while temperatures decrease each night and are compounded by winds," said Joe Hampton, Spire Alabama president.

By taking a few simple steps, customers can help lessen impact to the system by lowering their energy consumption – *and* help lessen the impact to their bills.

"Our teams are working hard to make sure our customers are safe and warm during these weather conditions, and we're carefully monitoring the situation and while our systems remain strong, we want to work together as a community by taking some temporary steps to make sure they stay that way," said Hampton.

For example, customers can conserve energy and manage their bills by following these steps:

- Turn thermostats down a few degrees, with 65-68 degrees Fahrenheit the recommended range
- Turn down thermostats if traveling
- Limit use of natural gas fireplaces and hot water
- During the day, open curtains on south-facing windows to let sunlight heat the home. Close curtains at night to reduce potential incoming cold from any drafty windows

- If windows feel drafty, install insulating drapes, shades or weather sealing tape to prevent cold air from seeping in
- Seal areas around the home where air could come in. These leaky areas often can be found around pipes that connect to the outside, unfinished spaces behind cupboards, recessed lights in insulated ceilings, and closets.

For more information on ways you can do your part and help conserve energy during these extreme conditions, go to [SpireEnergy.com/ColdWeather](https://www.spireenergy.com/ColdWeather).

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